



---

# San Diego City Attorney **CASEY GWINN**

---

## MEDIA RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 21, 2001**

CONTACT: Maria Velasquez, Press Secretary (619) 235-5725

### **DEVELOPER ORDERED TO PAY PENALTIES FOR GRADING WITHOUT PERMIT**

#### *San Diego City Attorney's Office Settles Case*

**San Diego, CA:** Western Pacific Inc. will pay civil penalties totaling \$346,500.00 for illegal grading violations. The settlement was part of a civil enforcement action by the Code Enforcement Unit of the City Attorney's Office. Western Pacific Inc. employees negligently graded and cleared thirty-six acres of land containing sensitive biological habitat in the Torrey Highlands without a permit. San Diego Deputy City Attorney, Susanne Parsons, filed the action against Western Pacific Inc. after Neighborhood Code Compliance Investigators discovered the violation. Terms of the settlement require Western Pacific Inc. to contribute \$225,000.00 to a "Land Acquisition Fund" which enables the City of San Diego to buy land and preserve it from future development. To reinforce the importance of protecting San Diego's sensitive resources from illegal grading, Western Pacific Inc. will also provide funds to create an educational brochure for contractors and developers highlighting the importance of protecting environmentally sensitive land.

Western Pacific Inc. has cooperated with City officials and took full responsibility for the negligent acts of its employees. *"We are pleased to see the company take responsibility for its conduct and assist the City in educating the public about preserving San Diego's natural resources,"* City Attorney Casey Gwinn said.

###